

Dear Legislator;

I find the results of the task force investigation quite troubling. I have read through both the Republican and Democratic proposals and can not see how any of the provisions would have stopped the events in Newtown. I fear many of you are in a rush to do something for the sake of saying you did, and worse in some cases, legislators capitalizing on the tragedy to forward an agenda. It appears this is being approached emotionally and not logically. I think it poor policy to be writing law without a final police report on the matter.

Before you vote to limit our rights please consider the following:

### **Assault Weapons**

Why do we need an "assault weapons" ban?

This is a greatly misused term and only a tiny fraction of gun violence occurs with long guns let alone "assault weapons"

It's curious that you exempt manufacturing. Make no mistake this will hurt our very weak economy.

### **Large (standard) Capacity Magazines**

Why should citizens not be allowed the same level of protection as police and politician's?

Do you realize collectors have pistols that are no longer manufactured of which you can not get 10 round magazines?

Do you plan on exempting tubular magazines as are common on 22 caliber rifles?

Do you realize there are probably millions of these in Connecticut?

How are you going to pay for the required additional law enforcement to enforce?

How are you going to pay for the incarceration of thousands of citizens who are truly not criminals other than in the context of this misguided proposal?

How will you compensate those subject to this "Taking" of private property?

Why is this not an "EX Post Fact o" law?

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### **Universal Background Checks**

I assume you plan at the very least to exempt family members.

How will you fund the additional staff time needed to conduct these checks?

### **One Pistol or Revolver Per Month**

If the intent is to stop "straw" purchases we already have enough laws regarding this. Simply enforce them.

Collectors often find rare firearms at random intervals as lots come on the market. Why should they not be allowed to conduct their lawful, private business?

### **Suitability**

The provisions in this category are far too broad and subject to abuse.

### **Fee Increase**

I have always questioned why I need to pay a fee to exercise my right. What is the purpose of raising the fee other than a veiled attempt to put more people's ability to carry out of reach.

### **Personalized Handguns**

Completely unnecessary. We have enough laws regarding responsibility to safely store your firearms.

The technology is years out if ever.

Why pass a law that may never be used?

What if a loved one needs a weapon to defend themselves and it is not matched to them? (The Petit's come to mind.)

### **Prohibited Zones**

All these mass tragedies have a common tread. GUN FREE ZONES.

These should be renamed as "Free Killing Zones".

You should eliminate them all and yet again we have current laws to address violence.

### **Common Sense Proposals**

Eliminate all gun free zones.

Enforce current law.

Train and pay a stipend to school staff that are willing to carry a firearm, concealed at work.  
(This works in Israel)

Keep criminals in prison.

Treat mental illness

In closing I hope you will reject all these proposals and simply use the "Common Sense Approach".

Thank you,

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